

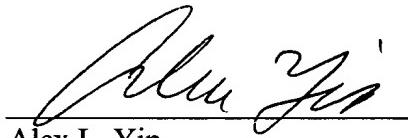
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The Examiner required applicants to elect one of Inventions I through V identified by the Examiner for examination under 35 U.S.C. §121, asserting that the identified inventions are distinct. Applicants respectfully submit that this assertion by the Examiner is incorrect. However, as required by the Examiner, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Invention V represented by claims 43-52 and 88-97 to be examined.

Respectfully,

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